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Splash Party

Children partied it up at the pool with a glow stick

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Collision led to power cut

About 3,300 customers affected by the power outage on June 18

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SHIRTS FOR DADS ON FATHER'S DAY



Mamta Lulla/Western Review

Evergreen Parent Link Centre hosted an art day and invited children and parents. Attendees were given shirts that they had to decorate for Father's Day. Mommy's helped their young ones to cut out their hand prints that were later pasted on the shirts by adults. In the above picture, Ryley Milczin shows off his final product with his proud grin. For more Father's Day pictures turn to page 14.

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News

4-H: not just horses and cows

Submitted: The Western Multi-Talented 4-H Club's sixth year is coming to a close, but we're excited to be starting our next year with new members, leaders and projects.

If you have been interested in getting involved in a 4-H family or an inexpensive educational program for your kids, look no further than the Western Multi-Talented 4-H Club.

For kids aged six to 21 years, five amazing projects are being

offered - gardening, sustainability, outdoor survival, cooking and creative options. If you didn't find the project you were interested in, drop us a line, because if you can find a leader, we can offer some of these projects: quilting, scrapbooking, photography, performing arts, canine, small animals, pets, goats, sheep, swine, beekeeping, bicycling, health and fitness, mountain biking, snowmobiling, crafts, home entertaining, interior design, travel exchange, repaire.

ing 4-H, becoming an entrepreneur and many more. All you need is a leader to volunteers for the project, attend club meetings, keep a record book and take part in Achievement Day at the end of the year. It's that simple.

This year the Western Multi-Talented 4-H Club offered a Creative Options Project, which resulted in a very busy year. We tie dyed our club shirts and made some recycled jean aprons. We also created several gorgeous paper snowflakes and yummy

Christmas toffee, and then on St. Patrick's Day, we decorated our club with some very unique clover hand print pictures. We even made our own unique candles for Mother's Day using designs we coloured on tissue paper and transferred on to the candles.

To finish the year, all the club members were given a task by the Western Multi-Talented 4-H Club, please contact Cassandra at 780-241-1864 or email her at cassandra.kippert@gmail.com.

things found in nature. We are all very excited to see all the kids' final artwork.

Members also took part in a highway cleanup, a roadside cleanup and a cemetery cleanup over the past year. We are so proud of all of our 4-H kids this year. You did an amazing job!

For more information about 4-H and the Western Multi-Talented 4-H Club, please contact Cassandra at 780-241-1864 or email her at cassandra.kippert@gmail.com.

CAUSE FOR CRITTERS PET OF THE WEEK



Buster was born in August of 2013. He is a high energy Cocker Spaniel. Buster came to us without very many doggie manners but he has received excellent training and is now ready for his forever home. Find out more about this handsome fellow by contacting the Cause for Critters animal shelter: Day 83-5450-55 St., www.causeforcritters.ca, or 780-898-7287. Also, visit our fundraising site for our new shelter (www.causeforcrittersfundraising.com) to see how you can get involved!



Photo submitted

Pictured are the members and leaders of the Multi-Talented 4-H Club when they volunteered to do the annual Alberta Highway Clean-Up campaign. Club members and leaders are now wrapping up a very busy year with several fun projects underway.

Terrena Rizzoli, D.D.

Jenn Staphanos, D.D.

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NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Please be advised that the Development Authority of the Town of Drayton Valley has approved the following permits with conditions:

- DV15-043 6101-50 Avenue
C2-General Commercial District
Installation of Signage
Issued (with conditions): June 8, 2015
- DV15-053 5072-45 Street
R2-General Residential District
Detached Garage with Yarnance
Issued (with conditions): June 3, 2015
- DV15-059 4729-47A Avenue
R2-General Residential District
As Built Secondary Suite
Issued (with conditions): June 9, 2015
- DV15-060 4757-47A Avenue
R2-General Residential District
As Built Secondary Suite
Issued (with conditions): June 10, 2015
- DV15-065 5101-54 Street
C1-Central Commercial District
Installation of Signage
Issued (with conditions): June 8, 2015
- DV15-066 3702-42 Street
R1-Rural Industrial District
Installation of Signage
Issued (with conditions): June 9, 2015

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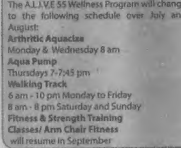
ROAD WORK
Expect Delays: May 11 - June 30
50th Street from Hwy 22 to 26th Avenue:
Improvement & paving

RIVERVIEW CEMETERY GATES
Starting Immediately
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Daily
Gate #1 at Riverview Cemetery will be open to allow for wheelchair access

ATV SAFETY COURSE
July 1 - Behind Omnibox
12 NOON - 6:00 pm
ATV Safety Course for youth ages 12 & up
Helmets are mandatory - please bring your own. Parents must sign a waiver. Call Colleen Schoeninger at 780-514-6897

ALL-LEVELS PROGRAM CHANGES
The ALL-LEVELS Wellness Program will change to the following schedule over July and August:
Arthritis Awareness
Monday & Wednesday 8 am
Aqua Pump
Thursdays 7-7:45 pm
Walking Track
6 am - 10 pm Monday to Friday
8 am - 8 pm Saturday and Sunday
Fitness & Strength Training
Classes! Arm Chair Fitness
will resume in September

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Programming Coordinator - Maternity Leave
Recreation and Culture Manager

Information on Town Employment Opportunities can be found on our website
www.draytonvalley.ca/employment-opportunities



Come and play at the Summer Reading Club!

Held at the Rotary Children's Library

Ages 3 - 5, 6 - 8 & 10 - 12
Tuesdays or Wednesdays
July 7 - August 13

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Community Involvement • Family Fun

If there are enough registrants, we will be having a **Read and Rave** event on the 18th of July, July 13, 10 & 17.
More information and registration forms available at the Drayton Valley Municipal Library and Drayton Valley Rotary Children's Library or call 780-514-2528

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Karen Hartman • Eric Butz
Krista Perault • Jaclyn Gates
Tanya Hunt • Jessica Souhier
Carolyn Charron • Jeanne Tellis
Glenn McLean

Thank you so much for your time!



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Contact Drayton Valley & District Community Learning Association
780-542-3373
To learn more about the CETC and its many opportunities contact
Kristina Vallee **780-514-2562**



UNLEASH THE POWER OF CLEAN ENERGY

NorQuest and Drayton Valley & District Community Learning Association will transition from their existing Drayton Valley Regional Campus to the CETC in late 2015 with classes commencing in January 2016.
The new Clean Energy Technology Centre will be Drayton Valley's local hub for business incubation, research and development, applied research and will foster the Centre's goals of innovation and technology-based solutions for economic sustainability.

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Next Regular meeting of Council
Wed. June 24, 2015
Council Chambers, Town Office • 9:00 am

Next Governance & Priorities Meeting
Wed. June 24, 2015
Town Office • 1:00 pm

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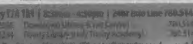
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News

Breton Canada Day fun

Cathy Weetman
Western Review

A full day of activities is planned by the Village of Breton for Canada Day on July 1.

Activities are as follows:
Pancake Breakfast - Breton Community Centre - sponsored by Breton Faith Covenant Youth Group 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Golf Tournament - Breton Golf Course 7:00-9:00 a.m.
Parade - noon sharp - line up at the Breton Elementary School by 1:00 a.m.
Canada Day Market - Trade fair - Contact Candice Shell 780-498-1853 or candice.speiss@gmail.com
ATB Show and Shine - 50th Street South in front of Post Office - contact Shawn Johnson 780-696-3604
Pie and Coffee Sale - Breton Golden Age Club
Family Bingo - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Breton Community Centre - sponsored by Breton Museum
Beer Gardens - on Main Street sponsored by Breton
Pils & Royal Purple Museum - Open to the public 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Centennial Park - Children's games sponsored by Breton PCSS 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Pikata - Centennial Park - sponsored by Gauze's Oilfield Service
Fire Fighter Events - Main Street after parade
Arm Wrestling - in front of Breton Hotel after parade

Wanted man found deceased in North Saskatchewan River

From Thornby / Breton, Alberta RCMP

Following a plea to the public to locate a 27-year-old wanted man, Duncan LAIRD, the RCMP have now confirmed that LAIRD was located in the North Saskatchewan river near Drayton Valley on June 9.
Drayton Valley RCMP officers had been alerted of a body found in the river the evening of June 9. His remains were taken to the Office of the Medical Examiner's and an autopsy was conducted as well as the positive identification of Duncan Laird.
The identification of Duncan LAIRD is shared in accordance with the Federal Privacy Act and his family has been notified.

CANADA DAY JULY 1ST 2015

LOCATED AT THE
OMNIPLEX



Free Pancake Breakfast

8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
50th Street - Breton

Parade

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
50th Street - Breton

Omniplex Events

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Main Street - Breton

Taste Of Drayton Valley

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
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Fireworks at dusk



In case of rain, all events will be located inside the Omniplex.
For more information contact the Town office 780-514-2400

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- DV15-067 625-63 Street
M-Industrial District
Installation of Septage
Issued (with conditions): June 16, 2015
- DV15-068 5145-54 Street
C1-General Commercial District
Installation of Septage
Issued (with conditions): June 16, 2015
- DV15-069 5741-49 Avenue
C2-General Commercial District
Temporary Portable Septage
Issued (with conditions): June 16, 2015

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Brazeau County News

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council has given first reading to Bylaw 876-15 to amend the Rocky Rapids Area Structure Plan (Bylaw 506-2005) by deleting sections 5.2.11, 5.2.12 and 5.2.13, which regulate parcel sizes to a higher standard than the current Land Use Bylaw. The proposed Bylaw 876-15 also includes an amendment to Maps No. 3, 4 & 5 of the Rocky Rapids Area Structure Plan by indicating a change to the future land uses of select parcels, as shown on the accompanying map. The amendment will change the future land uses of these parcels from Commercial (C) to Residential (R), to reflect their actual current uses.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed Bylaw 876-15 may ask questions or make their views known. The Public Hearing will be held on July 2, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

Any written submission mailed or delivered to Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1 or faxed to 780-542-7777 by 4:30 p.m., June 25, 2015, will be included in the Council Report. Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County. If you make a written submission, the information you provide may be made public subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

A copy of Bylaw 876-15 and the current Land Use Bylaw are available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Planning & Development by telephone (780) 542-2667 or by e-mail at planning@brazeau.ab.ca.

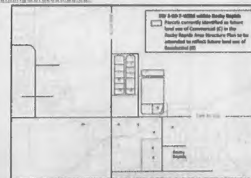
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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

NOTICE FOR BRAZEAU COUNTY RANGE ROAD 42 BETWEEN NE 16 AND NW 14-048-04 WSM Approximate road closure dates: July 20 to 26, 2015 inclusive

PLAINS MIDSTREAM CANADA ULC ("PMC") has identified a corrosion feature on their pipeline where it crosses Brazeau County Range Road 42. In order to complete this integrity dig, to sleeve the pipeline, temporary closure of Range Road 42 is required. There will be local access for residents who will be able to get to their houses from either the north or south on Range Road 42. Please contact Ronald Fischler with PMC at 780-542-8107 with any questions or concerns about the temporary road closure. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience and cooperation.

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

Public Input Meeting to discuss the request to construct Twp Rd 474 from RR 55 to RR 52
July 8, 2015, 7:00pm - Carnwood Hall.

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- The next regular Council Meetings will be on June 16th and July 7th starting at 9 a.m.
- Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Meeting will be on June 17th starting at 10 a.m.
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting will be on June 18th starting at 9 a.m. For further information, please phone the Planning and Development Department at 780-542-2667.
- Women in Business Network event June 25th starting at 5pm at Lakeview Inn & Suites.

All Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber and are open to the public.

Information about Brazeau County employment opportunities can be found in the employment section on our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca/departments/administration/employment.



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News

Highway 22 construction still in the works

Journalist: Winston
Western Review

Braceau County residents and motorists are asked to be patient for just a few more weeks as the construction along Highway 22 is still ongoing.

Alberta Transportation spokesperson Tina R. Stewart gives an update on the construction project which is anticipated to cost \$51 million. "Traffic moved onto the new Highway 22 alignment and bridge on June 7. As a result, the old bridge has been decommissioned and will be demolished," she said. "To date, 8.4 kilometres of main alignment are complete along with three upgraded intersections and 4.5 kilometres of local road network, including a new access to Willey West

Campground, all presently fully functional and open to traffic. As such, the project is at a stage where it is considered substantially complete from a road user perspective."

At this time, the contractor is concentrating on completing remaining works which involve grading and paving works for highway tie-ins on the east and the west hill, installing guardrails, and Weather Information System and the Dynamic Message Signs, erosion control works, seeding and other finishing items. This requires reduced speeds in certain areas along the newly completed highway," Stewart said. "Speed reductions are limited to smaller

areas of the overall project and it is expected that majority of the speed restrictions reductions will be removed by the end of this month and traffic will be able to follow the normal highway speeds for the entire length of the project."

Stewart said construction is expected to be finished in July. "Construction on the first phase of the project began in 2010 and work on the second phase of the project, which includes the current contract, began in 2011," she said. "The main highway alignment is expected to be complete by mid-to late July 2015."

Construction, however, is expected to begin again when winter comes or earlier. "The demolition of the old bridge is

expected to take place during the winter months when the river is frozen. This work will likely take eight to 10 weeks to complete," Stewart said. "This may happen earlier as the contractor is working on an alternate proposal, which, if accepted, will allow the contractor to carry out demolition work starting as early as August this year."

The bridge construction project which began in 2010, experienced some delays throughout the years. "The new Highway 22 bridge project did encounter some delays over the course of its construction, mainly due to Mother Nature," Stewart said. "In 2013, there was flooding and mudslides in the construction zone. These events signifi-

cantly impacted the project and delayed completion by at least on year. As well, last summer, in 2014, there was slide activity on the north side of the river. Crews were able to complete the bridge work, but unable to finish paving before the temperature dropped in the fall."

Stewart reminds motorists to adhere to all traffic regulations when driving through Highway 22. "We are excited to have traffic on the new bridge and alignment and appreciate the patience of motorists leading up to this point," she said. "Work is still underway in the area so drivers are reminded to obey all signs and signals and exercise caution when travelling through work zones."

ELDORADO MISMATCH DAY



Justine Kinoshen
Western Review

Eldorado students came to school wearing mismatched clothing on June 12 for Crazy Scrambled, Mixed Up Day. Pictured above are Grade 1 student Kayden Joesting (left) and Grade 1 student William Campbell (right). Pictured on the left is Grade 6 student Colby Cates.

World Café
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Op-Ed

Reasons behind AHS Patient First Strategy

Not Alberta Health Services (AHS) launched its Patient First Strategy earlier this month. The strategy is designed to transform the health system by focusing on the needs, values and preferences of patients, clients and their families, and putting them at the centre of their health care journey. In health care, as in life, small things can make a big difference. I was reminded of this — repeatedly — when Alberta Health Services asked hundreds of Albertans about their health care experiences. What they liked, what frustrated them, and what they'd change. We listened. We took notes. And from this feedback, AHS developed its Patient First Strategy, which AHS released on June 15, 2015. (You can read it, and learn more, at www.albertahealthservices.ca/patientfirst.asp.) For instance, a mother whose young son was intubated in hospital told us she appreciated when members of the health team took the time to explain what was happening to her boy, what tests needed to be done and why they needed to be done. She was grateful when the daytime nurse entered the room at the end of her shift to check in, say goodnight and provide the name of the overnight nurse. That simple act took only a minute or two but demonstrated to a distressed parent: this is someone who cares. This is someone with whom I can trust my little son's life. We also listened to and learned from stories that were critical of AHS. We heard about patients being asked the same questions by multiple health providers. We heard about occasions where there was a lack of privacy during personal moments and conversations. We heard that inflexible visiting hours prevented patients from getting emotional support from their loved ones. The lessons within these stories, both complimentary and critical, made their way into the Patient First Strategy. The document will help AHS build on our strengths as a patient- and family-focused organization and ensure we deliver compassionate and collaborative care during every health care encounter. This is not a theoretical exercise. The strategy outlines four priority actions that will lead to tangible improvements in the delivery of care for you and your loved ones. We all know, directly or indirectly, there's stress and anxiety whenever we encounter illness in our lives. We are improving outcomes and experiences in often-difficult health care journeys by empowering patients and families to be equal members in our teams, by listening to their questions and concerns, and by respecting patient and family values, needs and preferences. Through the strategy, AHS is also improving communications at all levels to ensure that care plans are fully understood by all parties and that pertinent patient information is shared among all members of the care team. We are further enhancing a team-based approach to care that provides patients and families comprehensive and seamless health care experiences. And we are improving co-ordination and continuity of care when patients move between units or facilities. Good communication, seamless transitions and collaborative care happens every day at AHS across the province. With this strategy, we are working to ensure this occurs during every health care encounter, at every facility, in a consistent and standardized way. AHS is a team and we will support our care dedicated and hard-working staff, physicians and volunteers to meet these Patient First guidelines. Albertans reminded us that, as we work to reduce wait times, add continuing care beds, improve patient outcomes, build big infrastructure, and purchase high-tech medical equipment, we can't forget about the intimate, face-to-face human interactions at the heart of every health care encounter. Saying a kind word. Making an unscheduled visit to check on a patient. Being an attentive listener. On the surface, they aren't the small things, but they're a big deal for Albertans, and a big deal for AHS. The Patient First Strategy represents the AHS commitment to improve the patient experience by focusing on the priorities and values of the people we serve. Dr. Verne T. Vice President, Quality Chief Medical Officer Alberta Health Services



Learn to enjoy your own company

Most people think I am crazy or weird or maybe even both. Why? Well, on June 14, I went to church. Church is what you call an Ed Sheeran concert.



Justine's Journey
Justine Kinnison

Now you would say, "why would people think you are crazy by going to a concert?" Let me tell you what happened right after I sat on my chair. The girl next to me asked, "Are you here by yourself?" and when I told her "Yes," she immediately said, "You're crazy."

Honestly, I did not know how to react or what to feel with what she said so I just kept quiet. I mean sure, most people can't or won't go out and enjoy things on their own. I used to be like that but as I grew older and since I moved out of my parents' house, I started doing things on my own. It has been almost a year since I started living on my own. Since then, I have eaten in a restaurant alone, watched movies alone, and I even travelled in a different

country alone. If I can do all those things alone, then I can watch a concert alone. People might say "That is so sad, don't you have any friends?" I do have friends but they are not in Canada, so I can't just call them up and say, "Hey, let's hang out. And to be honest, doing things on my own is not really that sad. I actually enjoy doing things by myself. I feel a different type of joy in experiencing these things alone compared to when I share it with someone else. It just shows that I am

comfortable being on my own and I enjoy my own company. It is not as scary as people might think. It gives me the chance to get to know myself better. It makes me realize what I like and what I don't like. I also get to be my own boss. I can do whatever I like whenever I want. I am only responsible for my own happiness. I do not have to worry about what the other person wants to do because there is nobody else to worry about. The way I think of it, the only person who will always be there for me at all times is me. Everyone else will make an appearance in my life from time to time but the only person who will stick until the end is me. Therefore, I must learn to get to know myself better and spend more time by myself. Of course, if someone wants to join me, I will not turn them away but I can say that I am content and happy in my own little bubble.

Column

Family literacy develops, uses literacy skills

Have you read with your children today? If not, now is the perfect time to go on a family adventure through the world of literacy, while exploring today's best-selling books or snuggling back into a dusty classic from your own childhood.

For many families reading has become a nightly tradition to help children unwind from the day and ease them to sleep, but those nighttime tales aren't only entertaining children, they're also helping to develop skills even from infancy.

Research has continually shown that children have a better chance of becoming fully literate adults if reading is encouraged in the home. Even babies, who don't understand what is being said, begin to pick up the rhythm, tones and inflections of your voice, all which work towards developing a child's brain.

In fact, studies have also shown that children who were read to as newborns have a larger vocabulary, as well as more advanced mathematical skills, than other kids their age. And by making it a part of your regular family routine it will teach your child that reading is something to be enjoyed, not a chore that needs to be done for school. An attitude that will foster a love of reading that will take them through school and into adulthood.

However, family literacy is not contained only to books on a shelf: one of the best parts of family literacy is in fun for everyone to take part in and can be done in a wide variety of ways.

According to Adele Thomas, author of *Literacy in Canada: Profiles of Effective Practices*, family literacy refers to the many ways families develop and use literacy skills: from enjoying a storybook together at bedtime and during the day, to playing with word games, singing, writing to a relative or friend, sharing day-to-day tasks such as making a shopping list or using a recipe, and surfing the Internet for fun and interesting sites.

Here at the Drayton Valley & District Community Learning Association, family literacy has been a part of our programming for more than 30 years. We see it as an invaluable service to be offered to families throughout the area because they not only give parents and caregivers the tools to be their child's first teacher, but activities can also assist with basic literacy skills to adults.

The importance of such programming is something that's echoed throughout the country, as demonstrated by statistics on the Life Lit-



eracy Canada website that show that researchers estimate that over the lifetime of participants in an early literacy intervention program, returns to the public are \$7.16 for every dollar invested. Literacy is a huge part of every-

one's life, so it's hard to imagine that it wouldn't pay back into communities that work to ensure that people are able to develop their skills.

With family literacy, through the use of fun activities like singing and moving, children are encouraged to interact with their parents as a way of not only creating a bond within the family unit, but also to assist in verbal development.

Literacy, crafts are not only done as a group activity, but ideas are given to parents so that they can continue to aid

their child's development at home through activities that use a child's motor skills.

Literacy and learning, at any age, doesn't have to be boring and family literacy is the perfect example of that as fun activities stimulate the imagination and develop a love of learning. So if you haven't read today, or if you have yet to sing and dance to the ABCs, grab your children and make it a part of your routine, because as we know children grow up fast and you want to ensure you give them all the tools for a future full of success.

Congratulations

It is with great pride that a huge **congratulation** is being sent out to **Bryce Aldersley**, who has completed his studies and is now a **Journeyman Electrician!** Love, *His Family*

LOOK WHO'S TURNING 90!!!

We are having a birthday party for Wynne Miles who is turning 90 on June 28th! We are celebrating with a drop in for her of the SS Plus Centre in Drayton Valley. It is an open house from 1:00pm - 6:00pm on Saturday June 27th. Only your presence is needed, and a treat to all who come to join us. Hope to see you there!



Find out what life is like in the boots of a firefighter

Corrections

On the June 16 edition of the Western Review's front page, it said Scott and Sherry Robertson are the new owners of Willey West Campground. It is actually the Brazeau County who are the owners and the Robertsons are the new operators. On the same edition on page 14, it was the Brazeau County councillors who were barbecuing and serving food and not the Town of Drayton Valley councillors. We apologize for the mistakes and any inconvenience it may have caused.

Also, it was noted in the June 9th edition of the Review that proceeds from Shakin' in Drayton would be going to the CT in DV. In actual fact, funds from this event will be going toward more land and building materials for Humans Helping Humans Foundation. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience this may have caused.

Clarification

In the June 16 edition of the Western Review County says no to a proposal to cost share on page 4 specified Brazeau County pays 75 per cent for the seniors lodge. The amount that goes towards seniors lodge comes directly out of county's tax payer dollars and not county's budget.

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News

Collision led to power outage

Marnie Lillis
Western Review

One of the FortisAlberta poles snapped when a motor vehicle collision took place last week that left about 3,300 customers without power.

Around 1:15 p.m. in the afternoon of June 16 customers in Drayton Valley and others mostly on the east of town were affected, confirmed FortisAlberta.

Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services explained that a pickup truck hit the guide wire that holds a pole up and in turn the pole snapped

leading to the outage. Power was back up again for about 2,900 customers around 2:35 p.m. the same afternoon. Others had their power back up around 3 p.m. except for 12 customers.

"We restored the rest at 3 p.m. minus the 12 customers who will be out until early tonight because they are in a direct line of the damage from the motor vehicle accident," said director of communications for FortisAlberta Jennifer MacGowan on June 16 afternoon.

She explained most customers that were affected were moved from the

damaged line to another line to get the power back up, while for the 12 customers the company had to rebuild structures.

Around the same time, that afternoon some of the Drayton Valley traffic lights were also out and drivers were advised to use those intersections as a four way stop.

"The storm over the lunch hour seems to have knocked out power to a few traffic lights in town. When traffic lights are out, please treat intersections as a 4-way stop," was posted on the town's Facebook page on June 16 around 2 p.m.

She explained most customers that were affected were moved from the

The Flockers have landed again – temporarily



Cathy Weetman Western Review
These brightly coloured birds were about to take a summer break but lately some of the businesses became involved and the Flockers temporarily perched on the front of Industrial Now for a few days. Where they'll go next is anyone's guess.

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ECDC OPEN HOUSE HELD JUNE 11



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The Early Childhood Development Centre held an open house on June 11. Children were encouraged to bring along their bicycle to have their helmet fitted and checked for safety. The Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services also came out in good cheer to share information about fire safety with children and parents. Over 40 children joined in the fun and after completing a bicycle obstacle course received their licences.

Need to get something off your chest?

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News

Role of community newspapers important to government

Cathy Weetman
Western Review

The role of community newspapers is more important than ever before, said Western MLA Derek Fidebrandt, speaking at the Best Fit session of the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association convention on Saturday, June 13.

In his speech to reporters, editors and publishers, Fidebrandt stated, "We know the ANWA reaches an audience of almost a million Albertans. And unlike many major dailies in the six cities, Albertans in our smaller cities, towns and neighbourhoods continue to rely on their local weekly papers to stay up-to-date and in touch with their communities and decisions made by politicians that impact their daily lives."

"This is especially remarkable in the age of social media. I've seen it in my own riding (of Strathcona-Brooks). Whether it's picking up the Brooks Bulletin, the Strathcona Times or the Strathcona Standard at the local coffee shop, Albertans' weekly papers begin the conversations among neighbours and friends and stimulate debate right across the province. Most importantly,

it's these debates, and the work done by our weekly newspapers, that keep us, as elected officials, informed about the priorities we need to bring to the legislature," said Fidebrandt.

He cited examples where weekly newspaper stories brought about changes to delivery of government services. He spoke about a long-time ambulance worker who blew the whistle on the state of the EMS system in rural Alberta. In August 2013, the Nanion News published a story about Porter and his vehicle blowing. Porter also met with the municipal district of Willow Creek, exposing the inability of ambulances to respond to rural emergencies in a timely manner because too many of the ambulances were being tied up in non-emergency transfers.

Wildrose MLA for Livingstone-Mackay, Pat Stier, picked up the newspaper that week when the story ran, and contacted Porter. Stier then made it his mission to reform ambulance delivery in rural communities, and for two years, he and Stier lobbied the government for change.

Shortly before the provincial election, Fidebrandt said the government

released new recommendations to put an end to the crisis in rural ambulance delivery.

Another example that Fidebrandt mentioned was a story from the Lac La Biche Post regarding patients needing dialysis treatment who had to travel from Lac La Biche to Edmonton or St. Paul in order to receive it. After the story was published, Alberta Health Services responded with a dialysis bus and residents are now waiting for a more permanent solution.

Fidebrandt also noted newspapers were also valuable tools that allow the government and MLAs to get their messages out through advertising, letters to the editor, columns and interviews.

"Writing is an amazing tool which can be used to connect, change and be heard," he said. "There will be policies brought forward by our new government that someone's well support and sometimes we'll disagree with, but without question, they'll have an impact on your readers and Albertans right across the province. We will rely on your work every day to keep us in touch with the heart of our communities."

Taxpayers pay for seniors lodge

Marnie Lillis
Western Review

Money for the Brazeau Seniors Foundation lodge comes out of Brazeau County taxpayers' money and the not county's budget.

Town council representative for Brazeau Seniors Foundation Dean Shuler said the RCMP services that the town pays for does not balance with what the county citizens pay for seniors' lodge, because it's like comparing apples to oranges.

"When we look at Brazeau seniors, the taxpayers pay for that on their tax bill. It doesn't come out of the budget of either the county or the town. So to try to compare to say we are paying more for the Brazeau seniors and that offsets the RCMP is not correct

because our taxpayers also pay for Brazeau seniors on their taxes as a per cent requirement just like county residents do. Yes, Brazeau County residents pay slightly higher and that is mandated by the province. Same as the RCMP but it comes out of our budget. So our taxpayers pay for the RCMP whereas county taxpayers do not pay for RCMP at all. So there is a big difference there and they are not equal," said Shuler.

In a previous Western Review article Reeve Bart Guyon had compared how the two services – seniors lodge and RCMP are paid for by both municipalities. When asked about the difference between the ways county residents pay for the senior lodge, as Shuler mentioned, Guyon said he

doesn't see a difference at all.

"I don't see that as different because it's still coming out of people's pockets," said Guyon. "It's coming out of your front pocket or your back pocket; it's still coming out of people's jeans. Whether it's local taxes being paid by the public or whether it's money that's going out of the local tax base agents to a different entity, whether to the school system or the provincial government, it's all the same. It's still the same tax payer paying all of this."

He added that Brazeau County is cost sharing with the town on various services, some of which saw a decrease and some saw an increase.

"We pay to a lot of things. We gave approximately \$2.3 million to

the Town of Drayton Valley, and we budgeted another \$400,000 more for 2015 (totaling to about \$2.8 million). So the whole story isn't going out to the public at all. Bits and pieces actually are being portrayed depending on the political agenda," said Guyon.

Shuler said full information needs to go out to the public so they can decide for themselves.

"I think we really need to start giving out full information to residents so they can make their own decision because right now my feeling is they are not getting all the information they need to make an informed decision. They are only getting part information and its being directed in a matter to serve a purpose," he said.

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News

No limit on number of dogs on some properties in the county

Marita Lulla
Western Review

Brasserie County council, on June 16, passed a new animal bylaw that allows four dogs for barnyards and up to one acre parcels with kennelling services to start at five dogs.

The county is staying silent on the number of dogs people can have who would be outside of barnyards or have more than one acre meaning there is no number or limit in place for them. Reeves But Goyon said he wasn't the one for restrictions on the number of dogs unless council had something that would change his mind.

A motion was passed to have the new bylaw in place with a say from

county Anthony Heinrich. Council, Rita Moir reminded fellow councillors that they were going to try the new bylaw for a year.

Some members of the council noted that the number of dogs has never been an issue.

Coun. Kara Wassenaar said any dog issues she has dealt with had nothing to do with the number of dogs, but dogs not contained on the property.

Under the new bylaw, fines have been increased from previous numbers to \$100 for a first offence, \$200 for the second and \$300 for the third. Council approved new fines unanimously.

TRI-EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING
Drayton Valley Regional Council Fire Services Vice Chair Tom Thomson was

at the Brasserie County council meeting on June 16 to present conceptual designs of the tri-service building to council.

The building will be a new home for the fire crew, RCMP and EMS - although EMS service isn't set in stone just yet.

Thomson wanted the next step from council and brought forward questions such as who is going to be paying for the building. He said the county could pay for the overall cost and the Town of Drayton Valley could pay their portion.

He noted that they were in the beginning stages and his idea could be changed as council deems fit. Councillors wanted to be sure of a partnership in place before committing to the project.

Another concern was the need of the facility, meaning finding an architectural firm that will accommodate the building needs for all emergency services.

A motion was passed to seek out an architectural firm for design specifications and development of project costs subject to the Town of Drayton Valley, involving a cost sharing agreement for a 50 per cent share of municipally contributions.

MAX CENTER FUNDING
The Max Center was looking for funding to do some capital upgrades. The center is looking at grants and sponsorships.

They are applying for a Community Initiatives Program (CIP) grant, as

part of this grant they required matching funding so they asked the county to contribute \$5,500. A motion to approve funding was carried unanimously.

WEBSITE
Resident Heidi Swan came forward to share concerns on behalf of herself and another resident, regarding removal of historical data from the county website.

Administrators had explained previously issues at the back-end of the website was the reason to delete some data.

At the council meeting a motion was passed to bring back a cost estimate for updating the server that would be able to increase the capacity at the back-end to store more data for council's consideration.

A suicide reported to the RCMP

Marita Lulla
Western Review

A 32-year-old male in Drayton Valley was found deceased at a residence when the police were informed. The complaint that came to the local detachment was of a sudden death on June 12.

NOT A REAL FIREARM
The RCMP received a complaint involving a firearm where someone was observed pulling a handgun out of a vehicle's trunk around 51 St. and 52 Ave.

The police said it wasn't a real firearm but the driver was charged on other matters.

POWER OUTAGE
A 50-year-old male was taken to the hospital after a vehicle collision took place that led to the power outage on June 16.

The cause of the collision could have been medical but is yet to be determined.

See full story on page 10.

Another collision took place on 80 St. and 50 Ave. when the traffic lights were not working on June 16.

Police reminded the public to treat intersections as 4-way stops when lights don't work.

On June 14 after midnight, RCMP responded to a motor vehicle collision on RR 65 south of Hwy 492.

It was a single vehicle rollover with five occupants. Impaired investigation is ongoing and charges are pending in the case.

SPEEDING
On June 12 on Hwy 624 at about 10 p.m. the RCMP members, while on patrol, came across a vehicle travelling at 200 km per hour in a 100 km zone.

The vehicle attempted to flee but was eventually stopped and the driver was arrested for dangerous driving. The vehicle was towed and seized.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE
A suspicious vehicle was reported to the police in the Brasserie County area. It was a white Ford truck with an unknown plate. Two male occupants were parked in a yard and departed rapidly when the owners came home. A similar vehicle was observed driving in the area over the previous couple of days. The police are asking residents to be aware.

SECURITY SYSTEM
On June 14 someone reported suspicious activity at a local business in Drayton Valley. On closer inspection, it was found that the security lights and cameras were covered with duct tape. The police are asking all business owners to ensure that the surveillance system on site is inspected regularly.

MISCHIEF
On June 16 a back window on a vehicle was smashed near Ormiston. One male was arrested and charged.

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News

Hostel is the next step for poverty reduction

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Town of Drayton Valley administration wanted to know if councillors were comfortable with the idea of a hostel in town.

At the government and priorities meeting on June 17, Mayor Glenn McLean noted pursuing a hostel type of facility is the next

step for the community Mat program.

Director of Community Services Annette Driesen said in the past month and half the Mat program has seen about nine stays and they are only open Mondays and Tuesdays. She also noted that the need would increase around October time.

Council members on

the table were for the idea noted Deputy Mayor Dean Shuler and noted the administration to proceed further.

On a different note Coun. Debra Bossett said the Mat program currently in place is looking for volunteers.

CETC ON TIME

The Clean Energy Technology Centre (CETC) is moving along on time with

plans to open around October time. A recent tour went quite well said Deputy Mayor Dean Shuler and Coun. Debra Bossett. She also said there is plenty of sun exposure around the building and the committee could look into investing in solar panels.

The DV100 Bike Race & Ride event is set for Sept. 12 this year. The event organizers are looking for corporate teams and volunteers for the event, said Coun. Debra Bossett.

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Mamta Lulla Western Review

Evergreen Parent Link Centre held their art in the park event indoors due to the weather last week.

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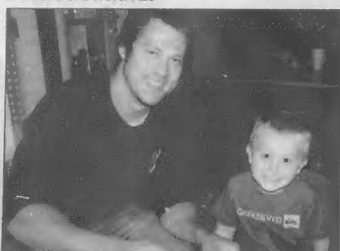


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Early Childhood Education Centre (ECC) held their annual pancake breakfast recently. Staff members from Vermilion Energy flipped some flapjacks for everyone in attendance.

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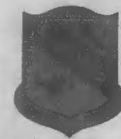
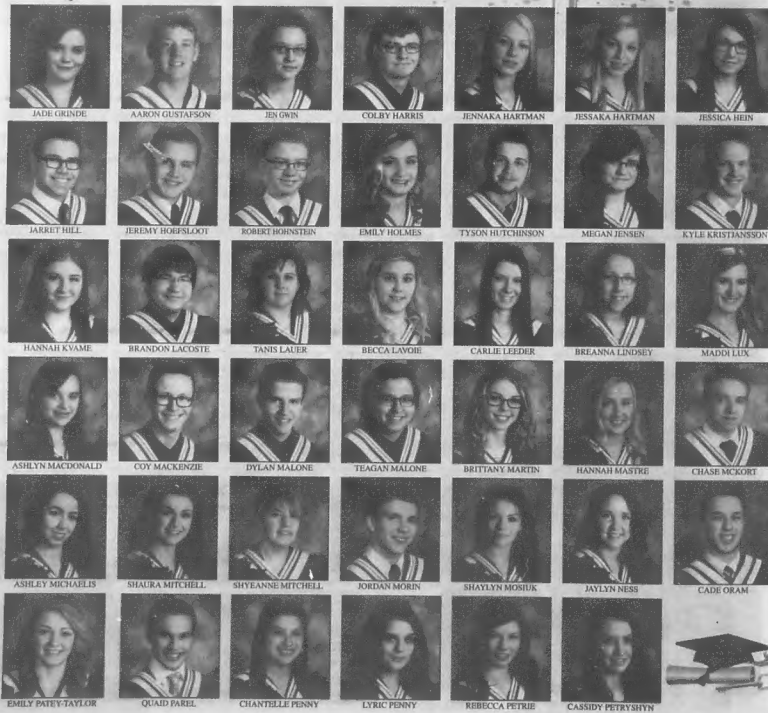
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Sports

DV Thunder player commits to Utica Pioneers

Justine Kimodan
Western Review

Former Drayton Valley Thunder player Hayden Dawes will be moving on to the next level of his career as a hockey player after committing to Utica College in upper state New York. Dawes will be playing for the Utica Pioneers for the 2015-16 NCAA season.

I committed just before Christmas, which is kind of early for a 20-year-old or anyone I guess that is deciding to go play in the US, and they talked to me first in September or October in Spruce Grove," Dawes said. "I just felt comfortable all the time and when we have a scout approach you, you just kind of don't know what to expect and you never know what is going to happen or whether they are being honest with you or not. And I think everything from the smallest detail to the biggest detail, it always felt like I was getting the truth from him no matter how hard or easy it was to tell."

The opportunity to play for the Pioneers is a dream come true for Dawes, who was "the first Thunder player to commit to a NCAA program in the 2014-15 season."

"To be able to go anywhere and play hockey and go to school or get an education out of it is pretty much a dream for most kids that decide to go to Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL) like I did. It's always good to be able to go to the next level at anything you love doing, and hockey being that thing for me," he said. "It's always good to know that you have done enough to continue on with the sport you enjoy."

"I'm hoping that it will be a stepping stone to get me to the next level," he said. "Every kid would love to dream to be able to play in the National Hockey League (NHL) but I think I want to go to Europe and hopefully play pro-hockey over there."

His accomplishments as a hockey player can be credited to his parents for starting him playing hockey as early as three years old.

"My parents just put me out as a thing to do with other kids and find a sport that keeps me out of trouble as I grow older," he said. "My mom had played hockey all her life and played at the university level as well and my dad came from Australia. He obviously did not get much ice hockey on him but he is a natural athlete, too, so both of them played into the sport that most Canadians play at a young age."

Physical contact and the team aspect of the sport is what Dawes likes the most about hockey.

"It has everything when it comes to a sporting view

where there is a physical contact, then just being able to skate on the ice and then other than that, you have the team aspect where you have 15 to 20 all types of different people coming together to try to have a common goal."

"In other sports, you do not get the team aspect. It's just nice and a bit more satisfying when you get to do something as a group and have a bunch of people to share it with."

Dawes, who "was acquired by the Thunder in an Oct. 6 trade with the Calgary Canucks," said he is thankful to his Drayton Valley teammates for making him feel welcomed.

"Being traded mid-season is never easy (but) I felt wanted as soon as I got there and they just made me feel like I was part of the team right away and it just made the change a lot easier and

made it a lot easier for me to be successful there," he said. Dawes is also grateful for Thunder coach Mike Moulter for always being supportive of him and his teammates.

"I had Mike when I was about 14. Trevor Polter and I both played in the Alberta Cup team and he coached us. Every coach you get is a little bit different and you never know what to expect," he said. "He really cared about the kids. He always wanted what is best for the kids and he makes that known. He is always willing to go out on a limb for whatever it might be. It is just always comforting for players to know that you have your coach behind you in whatever you do, whether it is a good or bad situation that he can and will be willing to help you get through it."

According to the Drayton Valley Thunder Facebook page, Dawes played 26 games with the Thunder and scored six goals in addition to 11 assists for a total of 17 points.

Last year we only had one boy from Drayton Valley, the rest of them lived with billet families," said Colford. As players come for tryouts and to play for the team, they need to have a place to stay.

"In order for these boys to live here, we of course need to provide them with housing. So what we do is we ask community members, and we have families from all kinds, that billet. Basically it's them opening their homes to

these boys," said Colford. She explained the number of families needed in the beginning is greater than later in the season depending on how the players perform.

"At the beginning, we have fewer because we have kids that come for tryouts, and by January we are usually down to 23," she said. Billet families receive \$11 per day by the team along with other benefits that include discounts from local businesses as the families are responsible for feeding the players.

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Sports

Thunder needs your homes

Western Review

Drayton Valley Thunder is looking for billet families who would house players and welcome them into their families this coming season.

Secretary and billet coordinator for the Drayton Valley Thunder Krista Colford, said a majority of the players were from out of town last year.

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St. Anthony Academy student-athletes shine at inaugural Track STAR Challenge

Story submitted
STAR Catholic Schools

Although there was a threat of rain, ribbons and fun were part of the guaranteed forecast.

St. Anthony Academy Grade 6 students joined those from around STAR Catholic Division, which includes schools in Leduc, Beaumont, Wetaskiwin, Ponoka, and Lacombe, in Leduc to compete in the Inaugural Track STAR Challenge June 12.

The track and field meet saw traditional track events ranging from the 100 metre race to long jump.

"It is one more way to bring our schools together in spirited competition and, through sport, build on the strong faith community we have as a school Division," said assistant superintendent Kevir Booth.

Each school wore a different coloured custom shirt, which sported the Track STAR Challenge logo. Although the shirts may have been made to represent each school, the student-athletes found themselves mingling in between events and developing new friendships.

"It's really what the event was about. It may have been competitive on the race track or when a student was throwing a javelin, but our students really enjoyed meeting other kids. We kept hearing how much they loved the event and how much fun it was," said Karen Ballroom, coordinator and Sacred Heart school vice-principal.

Students were right into the mix during the event, be it giving them all in a race or cheering on a fellow student who was competing.

Also lending a hand for the day were Grade 9 track and field

option students from Sacred Heart's School. "It was great to see them come out to help. It allowed them to take an active role in helping younger students and they really showed leadership and a great example for our Grade 6 athletes and for our Division," said Ballroom, who added there were also a number of parents who volunteered to help out and the whole event created a real community atmosphere.

The Track STAR Challenge is being considered a success with organizers, staff, volunteers and the Division looking forward to next year.

"We hope it will be an annual event that continues to improve on itself and allows our students to come together, move, compete and have a great time," said Booth.

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Six golf personalities that will make or break your game

News Canada

(N.C.) From the rules drill sergeant, to the etiquette obsessed, no one likes to be on the course with that person. Here are a few of the personalities you should be lucky enough to avoid when creating the perfect 18-hole putting.

The Natural - They've had no lessons, no warm-up, old clubs but can consistently hit them long and straight every time.

Play with this person if... you crave a smooth, competitive game.

The Ice-man - never played with a shot that's off or a disgruntled competitor, the Ice-man always keeps everyone's emotions in check.

Play with this person if... you want to end down find up playing.

The Socialite - forget the game, this person is out for a good time. With positive vibes, and stories for days, this person is only interested in one hole the hole.

Play with this person if... your scorecard is the last thing on your mind.

The Personal Trainer - will gladly walk the length of the course with a 50 pound putting bag in tow. The PT prefers post-game chicken breasts over hot dogs, and comes equipped with a crisp low calorie lunch, each

as Modern Canadian 67.

Play with this person if... you're an active calorie calculator who wants to tone up while having a good time on the greens.

The Show-off - likes driving that cool new car down the road, and is happy to drop you off at every hole.

Play with this person if... the Personal Trainer has won you over.

Play with this person if... you want to end down find up playing.

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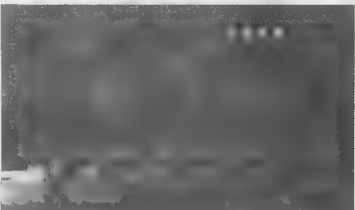
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SPLASH DANCE PARTY

Children partied it up at the Park Valley Pool on June 17 complete with a DJ and glow sticks for the Splash Dance Party.



A motor vehicle in the area of Twp 48S and RR 74 left the road hitting a guide wire that holds poles which led to the power outage in Drayton Valley and surrounding area on June 16.

The vehicle hit the guide wire that supports the pole, and snapped off the pole.

The Ford vehicle driver was trapped in his vehicle. Deputy fire chief of operation Murray Galavan said the driver was advised to stay in as that's the safest thing to do.

The crew suspects the driver had a medical condition. No other injuries were reported.

Fire department received

many calls due to the outage regarding down power lines or electrical issues with power lines.

SINGLE MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Another motor vehicle incident took place in the early hours of June 13 which involved four occupants in the vehicle on RR 85.

STAR5 was called, however, they were stood down. They did transfer two of the occupants by ground.

The fire crew concluded that speed was definitely a factor in that single motor vehicle incident.

INVESTIGATION

A residential fire took place in Brazeau County recently, which the fire crew wasn't dispatched to. However, they were asked

to investigate the cause the following day.

It turned out the fire was as a result of a remote controlled toy car battery charger that was being charged.

There was minimal damage to the house inside the room where the battery was charging.

SAFETY WITH DOWNED POWER LINES

Fire department advises to stay 10 metres away from downed power lines which is approximately the length of a school bus.

"With power lines that are down, they are undetectable whether they are energized or not. Hence we must stay away from them. That goes for firefighters as well. We stay away from

them too until we have verbal communication with the power company that it is no more energized," said Deputy Fire Chief of operation Murray Galavan.

The distance should be more than 10 metres if there are other factors involved such as vehicle water or trees.

Fire services respond to arcing power lines; however, residents can also contact the power company.

"It will be more of a call directly to the power company to deal with; however, we do get called out to them," he said.

If a power line is down, residents must call the emergency services so they can secure the area.

News

Downed power pole causes outage

Need to get something off your chest?

E-mail letters to the editor to cathy.weetman@sunmedia.ca

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PASSING THE BUCKS



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Early Childhood Development Centre (ECDC) and Vermilion Energy have been working together for three years and the company has sponsored various events in the past. The company recently presented a cheque worth \$30,000 in sponsorship funds to support quality child care in the community.



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The CTADV campaign received a donation worth \$3,000 from the Northern Thunder Strike Club recently as part of Al Shamel Strikers in Edmonton. The club includes members from Edson, Evansburg and Drayton Valley and raises funds for worthy causes.



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Rod Wilson
Memorial Ball
Riding event
presented
\$3,000 to CTADV
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Knights of
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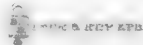


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School Notebook

AURORA
Best wishes to our grade 6 grads as they move on to junior high school. Many of you have been here since kindergarten and Aurora has been like a home. Be assured you are ready for that next stage in your life as we send you off like chicks ready to fly from the elementary school nest.

There will be an end of year school assembly on Friday at 8:00 in the gym. We look forward to the traditional Principal's slide show of the 2014-15 year.

Again thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who made this year so successful. Your dedication to the kids really makes a difference.

So another school year is already winding down to an end. The time passes so quickly and the children grow up so fast. The Aurora staff wishes our school community a happy and safe summer vacation and we'll see you in September.

On Monday June 8th, the Running/Walking Club celebrated their second participation party of the year. We had approximately fifty students attend. A huge thank you goes out to Kendall and Ang Erickson for providing the pizzas. A thank you also to Terra, organized by Dave Rohling, for the juice boxes and ice cream treats. Thank you to the students that make the club such a success. Hope to see you, as well as any new members that will be joining in the fall.

ENTWISTLE
As the school year comes to an end it is important to remember that we all want to finish the year doing our best. For those who will be leaving our school at the end of June we thank you for your contributions, and the positive impact you have made on our school community.

Highlights from the month of May include:

Students once again participated in the annual Spell-a-thon. Thanks again to the Lighthouse restaurant and Friends of Entwistle Learning Society for sponsoring this event.

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Arryn Glasier 7
Kind of good because I will miss my friends and I will be with my family.



Jayden Allers 7
Sad because I am going to miss all my friends.



Madison Parry 7
Scared because I will miss all my friends and I might not see them over the year.



Emily DeJong 6
Kind of sad because I will not get to see all of my friends.

ST. ANTHONY BARBEQUE



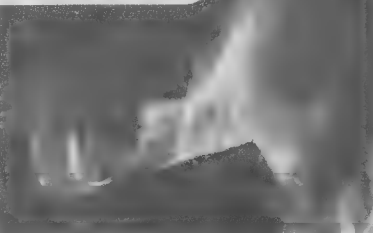
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The local fire department is now accepting registrations for the 2015 Youth Firefighting Adventure Camp to be held on July 22 and 23.

assistant, said this is the first youth fire-fighting camp the fire department is putting on.

"It is a two-day camp for youths 13 to 16 years old," she said. "This is our first year doing the youth camp, and I think that our last two kid camps are going so well the last

two years, we decided that we would have a camp (for youth)." Camp participants will get to see what it is like to be a firefighter. "They will be living the lives of a firefighter for two days," Appleby said. "Anything from cleaning the trucks to putting out real fires." Registration fee for

the camp is \$50 and it includes a t-shirt, water bottle, and all camp activities. Anyone interested in registering for the camp can contact the fire department at (780) 514-2216. Only 16 spots are available and it will be on a first come, first serve basis.

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Obituaries

Deborah Lee Smith - Passed away on June 8, 2015 at the age of 51. She will be missed by her daughter Jaclyn (Tavis), Mom & Dad Sandy & Rich (Arlene) and all the staff at Rockwater. As per her wishes there will be no service.

Darlene Kwant
1952 - 2015
Darlene Kwant of Willowood, Alberta passed away following a courageous battle with cancer at Nonwood Palliative Care, Edmonton, Alberta on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at the age of 63 years. Darlene will forever be remembered by her loving husband, Ernie Kwant of Willowood, daughter, Linda Kwant (Richard) Son of Drayton Valley, two sons, Michael Kwant (Tina) and his children Andy Kwant and Madeline Kwant of Drayton Valley and James Kwant of Edmonton and his son Shawn Kwant of Drayton Valley. She is also survived by her mother Eugene Dineen of Edmonton; sisters and brother, Nancy Letellier (Lynn) of Red Deer, Marlene, Christine Wiloughby (Dale) of Drayton Valley, Helen Dineen of Willowood, Elaine Macleod (Leroy) of Spirit River, Alberta, Janice Miller (Russell) of Willowood and nephews and aunts. She was predeceased by her father, Alan Dineen. Darlene and her husband operated Dineen's Feed Service and Supply Ltd. The Kwant family wishes to express heartfelt thanks to Dr. Clive Glegg, staff at the Good Samaritan Society, George Hemming Place in Stony Plain and Nonwood Hospice in Edmonton. Memorial donations may be made directly to the charity of one's choice. A Celebration of Darlene's Life will be held at the Willowood Community Hall on Friday, June 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Condolences may be sent to www.serenity.ca. Arrangements in care of Gary W. Anderson and Joelle Valero Funeral Directors.

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Would be our dearest wish today.
Love your wife Michelle,
mother Betty & Family.

Rodney Cotton
February 28, 1976 -
June 25, 2014
The Family of Rodney "Patsy" Cotton would like to thank Kathleen Henderson for the funeral service and Elder Brown's kind words during the untimely passing of Rod. Great appreciation to the ladies of the Latter Day Saint's Church, the pallbearers and to all family and friends who sent prayers, flowers, support and comfort. Special thanks to Harry and Rhonda for giving Rod a Last Chance, not only in his death, but in his life. He loved you unconditionally.
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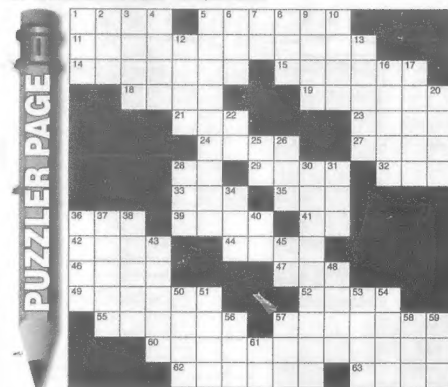
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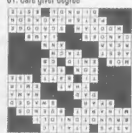


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1. Cleopatra's vipers
5. Stained printing style
11. UWT's Italian judge
14. Slender tower with balconies
15. ... Arena
16. Practice light
19. Forged using a metal bending block
21. Male parent
23. National Asset Mgmt. Agency
24. Not this
27. Middle East chieftain
28. 7th zone
29. A role of insulation
32. Midway between S and SE
33. The longest division of geological time
35. Dolor, green or Earl Grey
36. Disorderly crowd
39. Children's author Byron
41. A radio band
42. Assist in some wrongdoing
44. Measures speed of rotation (abbr.)
46. Bring up children
47. Mint's spouse
49. Light, narrow paddle boats
50. Unstressed-stressed
55. Oriental water pipe
57. Miser

DOWN

2. "The Hobbit" director
62. Traditional German track
63. This (Spanish)
1. Defensive nuclear weapon
2. ... Lanka, country
3. Play on words jokes
4. Finger click
5. Reposing
6. Toddler
7. Article
8. Woman's ... movement
9. Promises to pay
10. A ball of yarn or thread
12. Towards the mouth or oral region
13. Fatuous
16. Old Irish alphabets
17. Stang for trucks with trailers
20. Daily
22. Dear husband (abbr.)
23. A blood group
26. Make lockwork
28. Golf ball support
32. Having a particular scientific skill
34. One
34. Head house egg
36. Potance



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Most 9x9 grids. Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid. Broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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N 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
W 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
E 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



HOROSCOPES

- ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**
Aries, make note of any and all thoughts that pop into your head this week. Even your more quiet ideas may amount to something that brings big success.
- Taurus - Apr 21/May 21**
Taurus, play things close to the vest this week. Certain projects are up in the air, and you may need to more closely examine each situation before suggesting a course of action.
- GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**
It can be tough to stay on track this week, Gemini. It's hard to focus on work even for short periods of time. Try to maintain your productivity amidst the distractions.
- CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**
Cancer, if you have any free time this week, sneak off to a quiet place and daydream for a little while. Some of your most inspiring ideas have come at the most unexpected moments.
- LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**
The line between fact and fantasy can be a bit blurry this week. Leo, you may be pulled in different directions, but try to maintain your focus.
- VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**
Virgo, rather than looking at things on the surface, dig a little deeper to try to find more profound meanings. You may unearth several interesting patterns.
- LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**
Libra, you may feel as though you are in unfamiliar surroundings this week. Don't get too scared, as this break from the norm might provide a little extra help in your step.
- SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**
Recognize the potential for magic wherever you go this week, Scorpio. You have the ability to see beauty where others only see mistakes. Turn others on to your way of thinking.
- SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**
Sagittarius, encourage family members to gather in the coming days. Planning a day of evening with those you love most is a great way to escape the daily grind.
- CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**
Capricorn, honor all of your commitments in the coming days. Recognize others are counting on you and do your best to live up to their expectations.
- AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**
Aquarius, give a minor financial issue the attention it deserves. It's better to nip it in the bud early on so the situation does not escalate. Take responsibility for the problem.
- PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**
Pisces, place distractions as you look to resolve an issue that has been tough to handle. Try to clear your head before making decisions.

Community events

- Mondays**
• Sit and Get Fit exercise class @ 10 a.m. at Sunrise Village (3902-47th St.) Exercises done from a chair. All seniors welcome.
• First and third — Brain Injury Support Group meets @ Mitch's at 12:30 p.m.
• Bingo at the Drayton Valley Legion. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
• Line dancing @ the Social Hall, 7-8:30 p.m.
• Bingo Tomahawk Area Centre, doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo at 7:30 p.m. 780-339-2423 or 780-339-3747 for information!
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• DV Art Club meetings, 7 p.m. 542-7320.
• Kirt Club meetings, (780) 421-6517
Tuesdays
• Anger Hurts everyone. DV Family Support & Intervention Program, women's group, 7-9 p.m. 542-4702. See more info.
1st & 3rd Tuesday
• Royal Purple meetings, Westwind Motor Inn (upstairs), 7:30 p.m. Moma @ 542-2894 for info.
2nd Tuesday
• Men's Cultural Youth Society meets @ 7 p.m. at FMIIS Outreach, 780-542-9396 for more info.
• Pre-school swim, 12-12:40 p.m. @ DV Pool, 596-2543 for info.
Wednesdays
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• TDPS meetings, 12-2 @ Church of God, 542-4288, 542-7653.
• Warming Hearts Soup Kitchen, 11:30-1:30 @ Drayton Valley Royal Canadian Legion
1st Wednesday
• Brizeau Regional Search and Rescue @ 7 p.m. Don @ 780-542-2817, new members welcomed.
• Back Creek Community Assoc. general meetings.
• Women in the Wind meets @ River Rock (Super 8), 7 p.m.
2nd Wednesday
• DV Citizens on Patrol Society (COPS) meets, 7 p.m. Visit www.draytonvalleycops.com to get involved.
3rd Wednesday
• Jambores @ Woodview Community Hall. Doors open 5:30 p.m.
• DV Cosmological Society meets, 7 p.m. @ Wishful Well. For information call 780-542-2787.
4th Wednesday
• Max Performing Arts Centre board meetings, 3:45 p.m. on Max mezzanine.
• Woodview Community Hall board meets, 7:30 p.m. @ the hall.
Last Wednesday
• DV & District Cancer Support Group meets, 11:30 a.m., Arcadia room, Westwind, Howard @ 780-542-2735 and Fern @ 780-542-5416 for info.
• DV and District Historical Society meets, 1 p.m. at senior's drop-in centre.
Every second Wednesday
• Bites & Bites single parent support group @ Evergreen ParentLink Centre from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Starts Sept. 24.
Thursdays
• Narcotics Anonymous meetings, 7 p.m. @ United Church.
• Brighter Futures Indoor Playground in Violet Green, 10-11:30 a.m. Call 780-514-5070 or 780-496-2543 for more information.
• Drayton Valley Horse Art Society FAINT IN NOON at the Lutheran Church
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• Masonic Lodge meetings, 7:30 p.m. (780) 542-5473.
• DV Hospital Auxiliary meets, 7 p.m. @ the hospital
• General meeting for Everwide Community Hall @ the hall starting @ 7:30 p.m. except June, July, August.
3rd Thursday
• Northern Thunder Classic Car Club meets at 7 p.m. at Westwind.
• DV Hearts & Hands Quilters' Guild at Emmaus Lutheran Church, at 7 p.m.
Fridays
• Sit and Get Fit exercise class @ 10 a.m. at Sunrise Village (3902-47th St.) Exercises done from a chair. All seniors welcome.
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Succession planning a key

Dear Working Wix:
One of my long time friends retired recently and left some big shoes to fill. It caused us a few headaches, because no one knew everything that he did. Do you have any tips on succession planning so I can avoid the headaches next time?

Signed, Surprised Supervisor

Dear Suppied:
Succession planning helps employers retain critical skills and knowledge so that business can continue uninterrupted even as key employees leave. It also helps you retain promising young employees by letting them know that they have a bright future at your company.

Succession planning is especially important to small- and medium-sized businesses, because the critical knowledge and skills tend to be concentrated in just a few employees.

Alberta's workforce is younger than other provinces, but the number of Albertans aged 55 to 64 increased by 65 per cent over the last decade. The number of 45-54 year olds only grew 19 per cent.

Our aging workforce is making succession planning a critical human resources and business continuity function.

In response, the Government of Alberta has developed a free guide for employers called Succession Planning: Retaining skills and knowledge in your workforce.

The guide is available on the AHS website <http://ahs.alberta.ca> or by visiting your nearest Alberta Works Centre (<http://humanresources.alberta.ca/offices>).

This guide goes into far more detail than I can, but here are some of the high points.

Succession planning identifies and develops employees to fill positions that are key to the organization's success. It also helps retain valuable workers and lowers the costs of recruiting new talent.

Five steps of succession planning:

1. Profile your workforce (ages, roles, skills).
2. Identify key positions and skills.
3. Build job profiles for the key positions, including required knowledge, skills, and qualities.
4. Identify and assess potential successors.
5. Create plans that develop the skills of potential successors and transfer knowledge.

Once you have identified your organization's key skills and knowledge, you need to find ways to

share them with other staff. Retaining knowledge and passing it along to others is an essential part of succession planning.

Sharing skills and knowledge also helps you keep the doors open when key staff are sick or on vacation. And, it doesn't have to cost a lot or take a lot of time either.

Knowledge retention strategies include:

- Make ongoing learning a part of your workplace culture.
- Share your knowledge and acknowledge your staff for sharing their knowledge.
- Set up one-on-one staff discussions between senior and junior staff.
- Encourage senior employees to mentor younger staff.
- Cross-train staff or rotate jobs.

Hold post-project reviews: share learnings, what worked and what didn't, etc.

Create documentation: manuals, guides, procedures, project status reports, etc.

For more tips and insights, read Succession Planning: Retaining skills and knowledge in your workforce.

Good luck!

Do you have a work-related question? Send your questions to Working Wix, at charles.strachey@ahs.ab.ca.

Charles Strachey is a manager with Alberta Human Services. This column is provided for general information.



Photo courtesy: Stock by Succession planning is important because it identifies and develops employees that are key to the organization. It also helps retain valuable workers and lowers the cost of recruiting new talent.

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Homes

June is kids' month in the garden

June is for Kids (in the garden). I was the most surprised guy in town; the town of Wellesley, Ontario. It is the place that made apple butter famous. I was there last weekend for a 'fish fry' which might lead you to suspect that there is a large body of water nearby. Not so. But there must be a great fish monger as over 350 people showed up to sample the best fish I had tasted in some time. Plus a Wellesley baked potato (don't tell me it was an import... please!) and all of the trimmings.

The surprise was the next morning, between breakfast and my 'speaking event' I wandered down to a cool home in town with the most extraordinary garden at the invitation of the owner, Shauna Leis. I was invited to view the family garden, which is designed almost exclusively for kids. Check out this photo and you will see what I mean.

As I entered through the back, just beyond the garage, I was greeted by a fort, shaped like a pirate ship. A pirate ship! The kids, Erik (5 years old) and Megan (8 years old) designed it themselves, with some help from their Dad, Kirk Berger, no doubt. To suggest that this is the dream of any youngster might be an understatement. Here, on their own ship, they act out their fantasies with neighbours and friends through creative play.

More

The ship was the beginning; just beyond it was a 'groto' where hobbits live (they say) and when the hobbits don't inhabit the hobbit house, Megan and Erik do. The door is just over a meter high, so most adults are discouraged to climb in. Buried, as it is, under several feet of soil, the Hobbit house is cool in summer and very warm in winter.

Both Erik and Megan have



Mark Cutler

their own veggie gardens. Erik's peas are WAY ahead of mine because he planted at precisely the right time - about 6 weeks ago.

The garden includes a fire pit, for marshmallow roasts (and s'ms), a nature trail (down to the river) and a 'flat' where everyone in the family plays soccer and badminton in the summer and hockey on the home-made rink in the winter.

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To suggest that Erik and Megan are lucky to be the recipients of their parents' garden is to discount the contribution that they both make to designing their outdoor 'nature garden' space and the time that they take to maintain it in a special state of manicure.

Anyone who has read the book 'Last Child in the Woods' by Richard Louv, knows the term 'nature deficit disorder'. This is what happens when children grow up without a connection to the natural world around them. When square walls, electrical outlets (and dare I say it) computers dominate a child's life they become disconnected from nature. Chances are, if a child is not introduced to the wonders of nature they

won't likely discover it as they mature into adults. Worms are 'icky,' bugs are 'bad' and dirt is, well, dirty. Kids that make their own mud pies and watch the chrysalis from a caterpillar butterfly know differently.

Kids who know nature, enjoy a form of wealth that travels with them for the rest of their lives. It is a different form of wealth: one that has nothing to do with money.

It is my opinion that we are reversing that curve as more parents engage their children in outdoor play. The local park, conservation area, lakes, rivers and indeed - the backyard garden - provide a host of opportunities for us to enlighten and engage young people in an experience that cannot be replicated indoors.

The rewards, short and long term, are enormous. I hope you enjoy this story about Megan and Erik.

Today, gardeners understand that, through the miracle of containerized plants, we can plant tender vegetables and annual flowers as soon as the threat of frost has passed.

Mark Cutler appears on Canada AM every Wednesday morning at 8:40. He is the Lawn and Garden expert for Home Hardware. Sign up for his free monthly newsletter at www.markcutler.com.

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